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1. The economic status of a new settler in the Niederlausitz presents the following average picture:
2. The farm of the new settler consists of approximately 65 Morgen (40 acres). The distribution of the land is as follows:

Land fit for cultivation	ca. 34 Morgen
Meadows and grazing ground	" 10 "
Woodland and stony soil	" 10 "
Wasteland (cleared woods, 7th class)	" 11 "

The new settler possesses also 1 cow, 1 ox, 2 pigs, and 6 chickens.

3. His income is derived from:

Rye, planted on 10 Morgen and yielding about 45 cwt. Of this, 15 cwt. have to be reserved for seed purposes and bread, so that 30 cwt. at RM 10 per cwt. remain for sale	RM 300.-
Straw, 20 cwt. bringing RM 2.- per cwt.	" 40.-
Summer grain from 15 Morgen, yielding 15 cwt. of this 10 cwt. for sale at RM 10.- per cwt.	" 100.-
Potatoes from 15 Morgen, 450 cwt., of which 150 cwt. remain for sale at RM 4.-	" 600.-
Turnips, from 2 Morgen, used for family consumption	
Vegetables from 1 Morgen, 30 cwt. at RM 10.-	" 300.-
Milk from one cow, 300 liters	" 120.-
Eggs from 6 chickens (180)	" 18.-
Hay, 10 cwt. at RM 3.- per cwt.	" 30.-
Meat (from above mentioned stock) 3 cwt. at RM 60.-	" 180.-
Total income	RM 1,668.-

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4. The yearly expenses for a settler's family of 6 and a fifteen-year-old maidservant are as follows:

Yearly payment on farm, to be made for 10 years	RM 250.-
Municipal taxes	150.-
Property tax, sales tax, etc.	200.-
Sickness insurance for family and help	200.-
Fire insurance	200.-
Farmers' Mutual Aid	12.-
Gas and electricity	120.-
Veterinary	50.-
Seeds	150.-
Night watchman	10.-
Dog tax	10.-
Newspaper	30.-
Coal and other heating material	50.-
Artificial fertilizer	100.-
Repair work	50.-
Wages for help during grain and potato harvest, and current wages for farm help	600.-
Food, shoe repairs, and clothing	200.-
Other incidentals	200.-
Total of expenditures	RM 2,582.-

5. According to the above figures, the new settler works at a deficit under present conditions: his expenditures exceed his earnings by RM 894.- a year.

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